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*Vietnam: (Information as of 4:30 AM EST)

The Military Situation in South Vietnam: Major allied operations in Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh, and Phu Yen provinces reported only scattered enemy contact yesterday. However, South Vietnamese troops operating in Kien Hoa Province since 13 February have killed 110 Viet Cong and captured six others thus far. Government losses are five killed, 29 wounded (1 US), and six helicopters slightly damaged.

Recent acts of Viet Cong sabotage have caused significant casualties among both civilian and military personnel. Three enemy land mines killed 54 Vietnamese civilians, wounded 11 others, and destroyed three civilian vehicles yesterday several miles south of Tuy Hoa, the capital of Phu Yen Province. On the previous day, 18 government personnel were killed or wounded when a freight train and a subsequent repair train were both derailed by exploding mines 30 miles north of Da Nang.

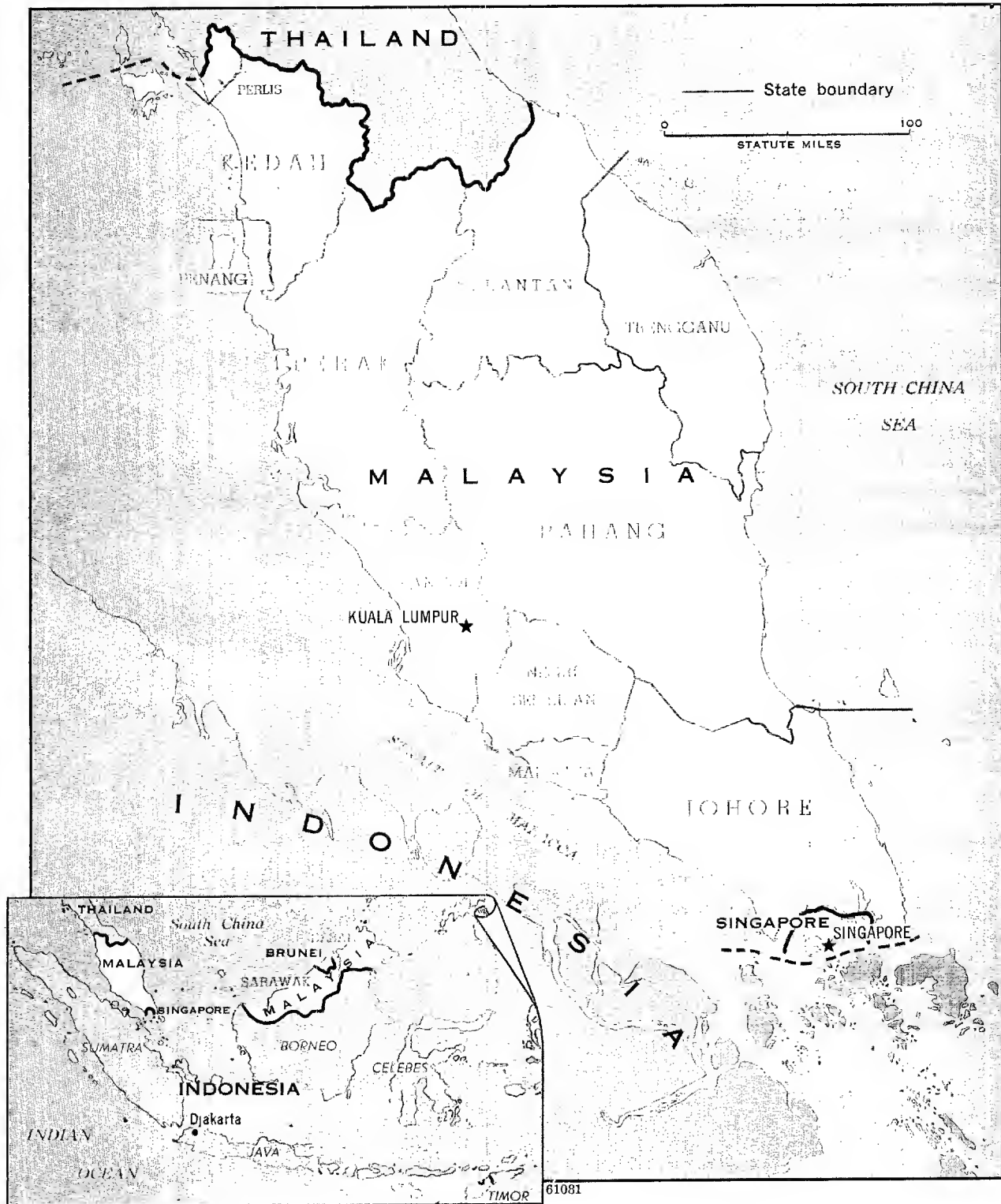
Viet Cong booby traps and mines also resulted in allied losses of 16 killed (8 US) and 44 wounded (23 US) yesterday near Cu Chi in Hau Nghia Province.

Elsewhere, Viet Cong forces infiltrated a government outpost early yesterday in Vinh Long Province and captured 21 Popular Force soldiers and their weapons.

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MALAYSIA - SINGAPORE



Malaysia-Singapore: Another serious conflict of will is developing between Singapore and Malaysia.

The Malaysian Government has informed Singapore that one Malaysian infantry battalion will remain in Singapore indefinitely. Although under last August's separation agreement Kuala Lumpur has the right to maintain this unit there, both Singapore and British officials had understood that it would be removed when a Singapore infantry battalion, currently ending a tour of duty in Malaysian Borneo, returned home. Malaysia now wants the Singapore unit to be returned to Malaya instead.

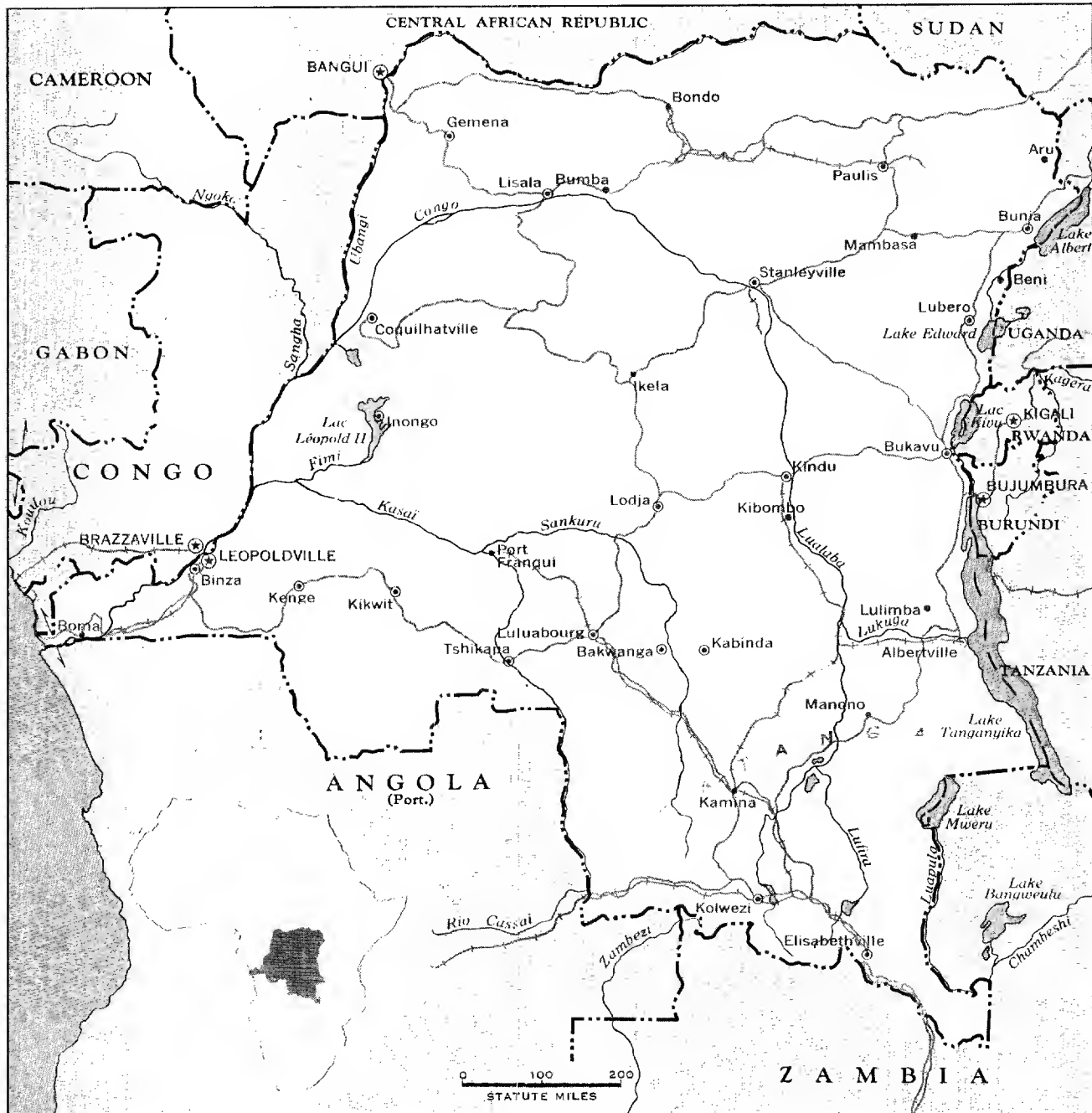
This development is a further indication of Malaysia's unwillingness to allow Singapore complete autonomy. By keeping one of its own battalions in Singapore and one of Singapore's two battalions out, Kuala Lumpur plans to continue its operational control of the island's defense.

Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew is certain to react strongly to this Malaysian move and may publicly order the Malaysian unit out. A new round of acrimonious rhetoric between the two nations can be expected along with a rise in communal tension in Singapore.

Even if a compromise solution is worked out, this latest rift will lessen the likelihood that Singapore will agree to new tripartite defense agreements with Malaysia and the UK now being considered.

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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (Leopoldville)



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Congo: Government forces in the eastern Congo are still having trouble coping with the rebellion.

Clearing operations west of Lake Tanganyika are more than two months behind schedule. In part the delay is due to unexpectedly stubborn resistance by the rebels, who may number as many as 2,000, and four recent attempts to penetrate the rebel-held area have failed.

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Government operations are also hampered by severe shortages of communications equipment and transport. The rebels' skill at mining roads has been particularly troublesome.

Nevertheless, the rebels still lack the ability to move into new areas, even against the thinly spread and poorly equipped government forces. Last week rebels briefly occupied an important junction on the railroad from Albertville to Katanga but were quickly driven out by 12 white mercenaries and 30 Congolese Army troops.

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United Nations: [Secretary General Thant has told Japanese permanent representative Matsui, the president of the Security Council, that there is no prospect for any positive results from a Security Council consideration of Vietnam. Thant believes that the Soviets would be opposed to any council recommendation that the Geneva Conference be convened. Matsui believes that Thant is seeking to discourage him from further consultations on Vietnam with the rest of the council members. Thant's position may hamper the efforts of the nonpermanent members to draw up some consensus or a statement by Matsui to conclude the council's deliberations.]

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Uganda: The threat of internal military conflict has subsided with Prime Minister Obote's return to Kampala from a two-week tour of northern Uganda. Obote apparently intends to suspend Chief of Staff Amin as parliament has demanded, and make him the scapegoat for charges of corruption and unconstitutional activity that have been leveled against Obote. The adjournment of parliament now gives Obote a chance to restore a working relationship with his increasingly aggressive political opponents.

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